

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Dan Currier (CVRPC), Ted Domey, Jack Daniels, Mike Hogan, and Bernie Shatney (Cabot Selectboard), Karen Deasy (Cabot Road Commissioner and Town Planner), Valerie Covell (Cabot Health Officer), Jonathan Williams and Becky Wigg (residents of Cabot Road), Dan Tetreault (Marshfield Road Foreman); Josh Gouge (Cabot Ambulance)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Cemetery Sexton

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Dan Currier from CVRPC informed the Board that CVRPC attended the Ecosummit. Based on discussions at the summit, they have decided to submit an application to the High Meadows Fund to work with Cabot, Marshfield, and Plainfield to see if we can better understand how our uplands forests affect water quality, and how we can best manage these areas to protect water quality and increase flood resiliency. They are asking the Town to support the grant application, and to work with them if the grant is awarded. Dan asked the Selectboard to write a letter of support for the project. There would be public meetings, and they would look for feedback from the town. The Selectboard will sign a letter at their next meeting.

Cabot Road: The Town of Cabot asked to have Route 215 reclassified to a Class 1 Town Highway. This would have required the State to repave every 7 – 14 years, and the Towns would get more highway aid, but the towns would still be responsible for plowing and maintenance. Dan Currier explained that it cannot be reclassified as a Class 1 highway because it is not currently a state highway. The towns can either ask the legislature to change the statute, or ask them to add Route 215 to the state highway system. Cabot is considering both options. Ted Domey feels like the towns should keep both options open. Jonathan Williams asked if either option would result in a wider right-of-way and condemnation of land on either side of the road. He feels that it would happen if it was changed to a state highway. He also wants to know if the town would lose the authority to do traffic calming if the road was reclassified. He would not be in favor of the town making any decisions until those questions are answered. As a former lobbyist and VLCT employee, he feels that asking the legislature to change the law would be an enormous undertaking. Dan Currier will find out if the road could remain 3 rods wide if it was reclassified to a Class 1. Ted Domey feels that the right of way width will not change based on reclassification. Jonathan

Williams is concerned that if the road is reclassified, there would be a loss of local control, and the State could do what they want with it and the Town would not have a say. He asked the Board to meet with VTrans to get answers to his questions before any decisions are made.

Safety Audit: The Town has requested a safety audit for the Cabot Road. CVRPC will be doing traffic counts this summer. The request for the audit will be passed to VTrans. If VTrans is not able to do the audit, it may be able to be included in CVRPC's budget for next year.

Cabot Ambulance: Chris Martin explained that at Town Meeting, residents asked the Board to look into other options for ambulance service. He explained that we have talked to East Montpelier about what kind of service we could get from them and what the costs would be. He explained that at town meeting the Board agreed to stay with Cabot Ambulance for this year but we will begin negotiations with East Montpelier. He stated that the town still wants to support Cabot Ambulance as much as possible. Jack Daniels asked if Cabot could be included in talks with East Montpelier. Josh Gouge stated that patient care has not been compromised at this point. He thinks it would be difficult for East Montpelier to cover Cabot because of the distance. He noted that if Cabot Ambulance goes away, there is no close service. There are currently 5 or 6 active members, and they all have full-time jobs. He noted that even if they get volunteers, it takes 2 years to get the training that would be needed to send someone on a call. He noted that the service would like to continue operating as a fast squad but he doesn't know if they can operate as a fast squad in one town and an ambulance service in another town. Jack Daniels suggested forming a working group to start meeting about this immediately, and he wants to make this a high priority. Chris will schedule a meeting with East Montpelier.

Green Up: Dan Tetreault informed the Board that no one arranged for tire disposal, so there is a truckload of tires at the town garage. He is looking for a place to dispose of them.

Road Tour: Andy will prepare minutes for the meeting.

Bobbi reported that the town has received a complaint about tires being piled on the Cabot Road, possibly in the flood plain. Chris will look into enforcement.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the April 18th meeting.

Cemeteries: Sexton Joe Mangan informed the Board that there are 2 broken stones in the Village cemetery and 5 that need straightening. His price to do the work is \$650. The Board approved.

Correspondence: The Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District is looking for someone to serve as Marshfield's supervisor. The Board agreed to allow Cabot's representative to vote for Marshfield until we find someone.

Bobbi updated the Board on the mapping project that the state is conducting. Marshfield's 2017 map update will be paid for as part of this project.

The Town received and discussed the Trustee Process Order regarding the Pyne zoning issue. The Town will recoup \$1,527 of the expenses incurred for enforcement.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
